THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Commissioner of Police and Central Public Works Department (CPWD) have reported that there is no footpath on the roads leading to Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi situated near J.J. Colony, Kusumpur Pahari. The CPWD has no proposal to construct any footpath on the roads leading from CPWD Colony to the said school. However, the Traffic Police authorities have banned the plying of heavy traffic vehicles, except water tankers, and if any such vehicle is found plying, appropriate action under the Motor Vehicles Act is taken. The plying of water tankers cannot be prohibited as it is necessitated whenever shortage of regular water supply in that area occurs.

Foreign contracts by DMRC

1385. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation proposes to undertake jobs abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in manufacturing the metro coaches indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC), has been approached by the Government of Sri Lanka for examining the feasibility of metro rail system for Colombo. No agreement in this regard has been signed.

(c) Delhi Metrol Rail Corporation Ltd. has awarded a contract for "Design manufacture, supply, testing and commissioning of 240 coaches" for the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) Project, Phase I, to a consortium named, MRM, comprising Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan (Leader); Rotem Company, South Korea and Mitsubishi Electrical Corporation, Japan. The contract includes manufacture of 180 modern, light-weight coaches in India, with progressive indigenisation, through technology transfer. MRM has engaged Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., a public

sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, for assembly/ manufacture of these indigenous coaches. For some propulsion equipment, MRM has tied up with Alstom India Ltd. and production by the latter has started. Autometer Alliance Limited, Noida; Amco Power Ltd., Bangalore and K-Lite, Chennai are the other Indian companies engaged by MRM for supplying some other types of equipment;

Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana

1386. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana and the categories of urban poor who are entitled to become beneficiaries of this scheme and the details of the rules and conditions under which the beneficiaries are provided with the constructed houses;

(b) the number of the beneficiaries under VAMBAY as on date, State-wise; and

(c) the amount released so far under this scheme, and the locations for which the funds had been released so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a funding pattern on a 50:50 ratio between Centre and the States. The scheme is primarily aimed at ameliorating the housing problems for the slum dwellers living below poverty line including members of economically weaker section who do not possess adequate shelter. This scheme has also a component called Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan to provide healthy and enabling urban environment in urban slums through community sanitation. As per the extant guidelines, Scheduled Caste/Tribe, Backward classes, other weaker sections and physically and mentally disabled persons residing in slums are entitled for the benefits under the scheme. Beneficiaries are identified while formulating the project itself and the constructed houses are handed over to them on completion of the project.

(b) and (c) State-wise beneficiaries and amount released under VAMBAY as on 30.11.2003 are given at Annexure-I.The State-wise locations for which the funds have been released are given in the enclosed Statement.